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I'm going to stand up from my desk and  
Walk into another room in this ramshackle house  
I'm going to use three of your favorite words as I go;  
*Sundial hangdog lunar*  
I will try to forge them into some sort of unstructured rhyme  
But the words I mumble will not turn to polished stone  
Even if I rub them and rub them for days  
even if I lock them away in the vault of the dictionary  
And flip and rearrange them with fingers  
Moving a pencil fast as a corner cardsharp's trick  
They will not turn into a gem to make me proud  
Such is the risk you run  
so when we finally break down  
And language is all that is left  
When words are the cure that might save us  
Then the rest of us will help to push that heap  
But we will kindly ask you to get behind the wheel